

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 10, 19 and 20 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A mount for a powertrain component of a motor vehicle, the mount comprising:

a first plate connected to one of the powertrain component or a frame of the motor vehicle;

a second plate connected to the other of the powertrain component or the frame of the motor vehicle; and

means for measuring a capacitance between the first plate and the second plate to derive an actual value, comparing the actual value with an expected value, and adjusting damping characteristics of the mount as a function of a difference between the actual value and the expected value.

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10. (Amended) A mount for a powertrain component of a motor vehicle, the mount comprising:

a first plate connected to one of the powertrain component or a frame of the motor vehicle;

a second plate connected to the other of the powertrain component or the frame of the motor vehicle; and

a controller connected to the first plate and to the second plate, the controller generating a signal indicative of a difference between an actual value of the capacitance between the first plate and the second plate and an expected value of the capacitance between the first plate and the second plate.

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19. (Amended) A system for controlling the damping characteristics of a motor vehicle powertrain mount, the system comprising:
- a first, positively charged plate fixed relative to one of the powertrain component or a frame of the motor vehicle;
  - a second, negatively charged plate fixed relative to the other of the powertrain component or the frame of the motor vehicle; and
  - a controller connected to the first plate and to the second plate, the controller adjusting the damping characteristics of the mount as a function of a difference between an actual value of the capacitance between the first plate and the second plate and an expected value of the capacitance between the first and second plates.
20. (Amended) The mount of claim 19 wherein the controller adjusts the damping characteristics of the mount as a function of the change in capacitance between the first plate and the second plate.